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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

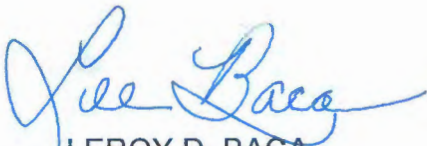
**REPORT BACK ON THE STATUS OF THE MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER**

On October 9, 2012, the Board requested the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) report back with a comprehensive report on the Mira Loma Detention Center (MLDC), including the associated costs and the time frame for opening the facility.

At the time of the request, the Department was looking at various options to fund the facility for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year (FY 2011-12). Since then, the inmate population has leveled off and MLDC is no longer an immediate need for Custody Division. Attached is a status report of the MLDC.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Assistant Sheriff Cecil W. Rhambo, Jr., at (323) 526-5065.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF

## **REPORT BACK ON THE STATUS OF THE MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER**

The purpose of this document is to provide the status of the Mira Loma Detention Center (MLDC).

### **I. Background of Events and Current Status of Mira Loma Detention Center**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) received a letter from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) dated August 8, 2012, noting their intent to terminate our current Inter-Governmental Service Agreement (Agreement) if the Department did not agree to the new Performance Based National Detention Standards. The Department notified ICE that we were unable to comply with some of the standards requested. As a result, ICE sent a letter to the Department dated September 12, 2012, terminating our Agreement.

On November 27, 2012, the ICE contract was terminated and the facility was closed. The MLDC currently houses no inmates or detainees, and most employees, with the exception of a small closing/security crew, have been transferred to other jail facilities. The Department is in the process of obtaining 24-hour security coverage for the MLDC through existing Los Angeles County (County) contracts, which is expected to cost approximately \$15,000 per month. The security contract should be in place by the end of this year, at which time remaining personnel will be redeployed to other facilities.

### **II. Mira Loma Detention Center as a Past County Facility**

MLDC closed as a County facility in 1993 for budgetary reasons and remained closed until 1997 when it reopened as a Federal facility. For the last 15 years, MLDC operated under Federal guidelines and was not inspected by the Bureau of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The BSCC establishes the minimum standards for local adult and juvenile detention facilities and conducts biennial inspections for compliance. In order to repurpose the MLDC as a County facility, an inspection by the BSCC was mandatory to obtain a rated capacity and ensure compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 15 and Title 24 (minimum jail standards). An inspection by the County Department of Public Health (DPH) was also conducted.

### **III. Bureau of State and Community Corrections Inspection**

MLDC was inspected by field representatives from BSCC on September 27, 2012. The following improvements were mandated:

1. Add additional seating to each barrack (these can be correctional grade plastic chairs and do not have to be affixed).

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2. One toilet upgrade per administrative segregation cell.
3. Flush mount all fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, and vents in administrative segregation cells.
4. Add incident alarm buttons to each barrack.

Should we comply with these mandates, MLDC will be rated for 1,040 inmates.

### IV. Department of Public Health Inspection

DPH inspected MLDC on October 2, 2012, and requested miscellaneous kitchen upgrades; however, it was noted these upgrades would not preclude MLDC from opening as long as progress was made toward compliance.

### V. Additional Upgrades and Overall Costs

If MLDC were to open as a County jail facility, additional upgrades would be needed for Barracks E and F, which have not housed inmates in several years. A new heating and air conditioning system is required, along with replacement tiles for the showers and new paint. These costs are estimated to be \$500,000. Below is a breakdown of the aforementioned costs.

BSCC upgrades	\$120,000
DPH upgrades	\$200,000
Additional upgrades	\$180,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

### VI. Anticipated Budget for The Mira Loma Detention Center as a County Facility

The MLDC budget under the Federal contract was approximately \$43 million. The contract mandated the personnel required for housing security due to their unique classification system. Additional personnel were also needed for special details such as inmate processing, escorts and providing security for the onsite immigration court rooms.

As a County operated facility, most of these specialized details would not be needed. An analysis was done of a potential staffing model and the cost was identified at approximately \$25 million. Please see **Attachment A** for details and a comparison to the Federal contract budget.

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### **VII. Current Needs**

The current needs of the Department's Custody Division do not require the immediate opening of MLDC. As the needs of Custody Division change, the Department will work with the Board of Supervisors to evaluate the future use and funding options for MLDC.

**Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER  
Cost Comparison**

**N3 Proposal (Post-ICE)**

S&EB	S&S	Subtotal	Centralized Costs (S&S only; S&EB incl @ MLDC)				Annual		Daily	
MLDC Only	MLDC Only	MLDC Only	Food	Laundry	Facilities	Medical	Total	Beds	Rate	Staffing
\$ 20,530,000	1,515,000	\$ 22,045,000	1,295,000	330,000	218,000	967,980	\$ 24,855,980	1,040	\$ 65.48	175

Note: Daily rate excludes overheads, i.e., Division, Department, Countywide

**ICE Contract FY 2011-12**

S&EB	S&S	Subtotal	Prorated Centralized Costs (incl. share of S&EB)				Annual	Beds as of	Daily	
MLDC Only	MLDC Only	MLDC Only	Food	Laundry	Facilities	Medical	Total	6/30/2012	Rate	Staffing
\$ 28,932,000	1,362,000	\$ 30,294,000	2,022,000	525,000	547,000	9,367,000	\$ 42,755,000	935	\$ 125.28	274
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Note: ICE \$154.08 daily rate per inmate includes overheads